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Poets Sandra McPherson, James Welch Will Read on Tuesday, November 20

Poets Sandra McPherson and James Welch will read from their work in the Library's Coolidge Auditorium on Tuesday evening, November 20. The 8 p.m. program is sponsored by the Gertrude Clarke Whittall Poetry and Literature Fund. No tickets are required. Following the reading, the audience will have the opportunity to meet the poets.

Sandra McPherson was born and grew up in San Jose, Calif. Her books of poetry are *Elegies for the Hot Season* (1970), *Radiation* (1973), and *The Year of Our Birth* (1978), which was nominated for the 1979 National Book Award in poetry. She has won a National Endowment for the Arts grant, an Ingram Merrill Foundation award, and a Guggenheim followship. She teaches at the University of Iowa Writers' Workshop and is the poetry editor of *The Antioch Review*.

James Welch was born in Browning, Mont., in 1940 and attended the University of Minnesota, Northern Montana College, and the University of Montana. He graduated from the University of Montana in 1965 with a B.A. degree and then attended the graduate writing workshop there. Mr. Welch's poems appear in many literary journals and several anthologies. A book of his poems, *Riding the Earthboy 40*, was published in 1976. He has also written two novels, *Winter in the Blood* (1975) and *The Death of Jim Loney* (1979).

Walter Berry to Offer Song Recital

Viennese bass-baritone Walter Berry and pianist Burkhard Schaeffer will present a song recital on Friday, November 16, in the Library's Coolidge Auditorium. The program, sponsored by the Elizabeth Sprague Coolidge Foundation, will include songs by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Franz Schubert, Felix Mendelssohn, Johannes Brahms, and Hans Pfitzner.

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Walter Berry

Walter Berry, a regular member of the Vienna State Opera, rose to fame in 1955 in the title role of *Wozzeck,* under the baton of Karl Boehm. Since then, he has sung leading roles in the world's major opera houses, and in 1963 he was awarded the title of "Kammersänger" by the Austrian Government. Mr. Berry presents song recitals throughout the world and often appears as soloist with major orchestras.

Pianist Burkhard Schaeffer was the official accompanist at the International Art Song Competition in Munich in 1978. Since 1976 he has also been engaged as accompanist at the International Summer Academy in Salzburg. He has chosen the field of vocal accompaniment and chamber music after years of extensive study in Cologne, Salzburg, and Stuttgart.

The November 16 concert will begin promptly at 8 p.m. Tickets will be distributed at the Patrick Hayes box office, 1330 G St. N.W. (Jordan-Kitt's), beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, November 12. A service charge of 25 cents is placed on each ticket, and only two tickets are distributed to an individual. Telephone reservations may be made on Monday mornings by calling 393-4463. Mail orders are not accepted.

The concert will be broadcast live by radio station WETA-FM, and made available to radio stations in other cities through the Katie and Walter Louchheim Fund in the Library of Congress.

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Library of Congress Publishes Results of Reading Survey

Reading in America 1978, selected findings from the Book Industry Study Group's 1978 research survey of the reading habits of American adults, has just been published by the Library of Congress. The 98-page volume emphasizes the social implications of the survey findings as they were reported on October 25, 1978, at the Library of Congress and discussed the next day at a seminar sponsored by the Library's Center for the Book and the Book Industry Study Group (BISG). In addition to survey data, the volume includes a review of previous research, a bibliography, and a summary of a 1978 study of library use and reading that was commissioned by the American Library Association and conducted by the Gallup Organization.

The discussion among the 35 educators, publishers, and librarians who gathered at the Library on October 25-26 focused on developing reading habits, improving access to books, communicating the benefits of reading, conducting research on reading habits and skills, and converting nonreaders into readers. The featured commentators were historian Barbara Tuchman; W. Thomas Johnson, president, *Los Angeles Times;* Charles B. Weinberg, professor of marketing, Stanford University; and Martin P. Levin, president, Book Publishing Group, Times-Mirror Co.

Reading in America (ISBN 0-8444-0314-8) may be purchased for $4.95 at the Library's Information Counter or ordered **prepaid** (postage included) from the Information Office, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540.

Also available from the Information Office at the

"The Library of Congress & Environs"—a handsome wall calendar for 1980 produced by the Library of Congress Professional Association—is now on sale at the Information Counter in the Visitor Services Center (ground floor, west entrance lobby) of the Library of Congress Building. The calendar, which measures 13 by 20 inches and which sells for $6.25, is also available by mail from the Information Office, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540. The price includes postage, and all orders must be prepaid.

Reproduced in the calendar are 13 pen-and-ink drawings by Paul Boswell of the Library's Serial and Government Publications Division, including the mosaic of Minerva on the cover and illustrations of the Great Hall, Main Reading Room, Neptune Plaza in winter, with the Capitol in the background (illustrated opposite), and two details from the Neptune Fountain. The reproductions are suitable for framing. Calligraphy for the calendar was provided by Dorothy Pollet, the Library's educational liaison officer.

A 20-percent discount on the price of the calendar is offered to members of LCPA; all other staff members may receive the standard 10-percent discount. All staff members are reminded that they must show the appropriate identification card before making a purchase at a discounted price.

DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Hanukkah	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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same price is a companion volume, *Television, the Book, and the Classroom* (ISBN 0-8444-0303-2), the proceedings of an April 1978 seminar held at the Library and published last winter.

The *1978 Consumer Research Study on Reading and Book Purchasing* (BISG Report No. 6), from which parts of *Reading in America 1978* are extracted and edited, was conducted for the BISG by Yankelovich, Skelly, and White. Information about the availability of the complete 333-page study may be obtained from the Book Industry Study Group, Inc., P.O. Box 2062, Darien, Conn. 06820.

Book Published on Library's Chinese Collection

A 259-page monograph about the Library's Chinese collection, entitled *The Development of the Chinese Collection in the Library of Congress,* was published recently by the Westview Press. The author of this important work, Shu Chao Hu, is an associate professor of library science at St. Francis College of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Hu has divided his publication into five major chapters: Introduction; Initiating Forces; Systematic Acquisitions, 1913-1949; Later Developments, 1950-1975; and Conclusions. A chronology, a number of official documents pertaining to the development of the Chinese collection at the Library, and a bibliography are also appended to the publication.

Although various periodical articles concerning the Library's Chinese collection have been published in past years, this is the first comprehensive and systematic study of the collection, which is the largest of its kind in the Western Hemisphere. The collection was started in 1869 with some 950 volumes received in the first exchange of publications between

the United States and China. Since then it has grown steadily, until in 1977 it numbered more than 430,000 volumes, including nearly 2,000 rare Chinese items.

In this historical study, Mr. Hu traces the social, cultural, and political forces that influenced the development and growth of the collection. The acquisitions policies and sources of financial support for the collection development are also reviewed. The author discusses the methods by which the Library has built up several strong areas in the collection, especially those of Chinese local histories, ts'ung shu (collectanea), and rare Chinese works.

Major personnel changes in the former Orientalia Division since its founding in 1928 are also described. The author attributes due credit to Herbert Putnam, Librarian of Congress from 1899 to 1939; Walter T. Swingle, a noted botanist of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, who was closely associated with the Library's Chinese collection for nearly three decades; and Arthur W. Hummel, head of the Chinese Collection and chief of the Orientalia Division from 1928 to 1954, for their distinguished contributions in building up the Chinese collection systematically from 1913 to 1949.

Mr. Hu's interesting book will be a useful reference source to Chinese librarians and China scholars. The volume sells for $20 and is available from the publisher, Westview Press, Boulder, Colo.

Anglo-American Cataloguing Committee For Cartographic Material Formed

The Public Archives of Canada, Ottawa, was the site of a meeting on October 1-5 called by Canada's National Map Collection to discuss the content of a cataloging manual for cartographic material based on the second edition of the *Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules* (AACR 2). The Association of Canadian Map Libraries was represented at the meeting by Pierre Lepine, Département des cartes et plans, Bibliothèque nationale du Québec, and Joan Winearls, Map Library, University of Toronto; the National Map Collection, Canada, by Hugo Stibbe, Velma Parker, and Vivien Cartmell; the British Cartographic Association, by Roger Fairclough, Map Department, University of Cambridge; the British Library, Map Library, by Yolande O'Donoghue; the Geography and Map Division of the Special Libraries Association and the Western Association of Map Libraries, by Mary Larsgaard, Map Room, Arthur Lakes Library, Colorado School of Mines; the Library of Congress, by John Schroeder and Ben R. Tucker; and the National Library of Canada, by Tom Delsey. Kate Donkin, Map Library, McMaster University, chaired the meeting and Barbara Farrell, Map Library, Carleton University, served as recording secretary. During the course of the five-day meeting the group decided to name itself the Anglo-American Cataloguing Committee for Cartographic Material.

His Excellency Virgilio Barco, Ambassador of Colombia to the United States, recently presented to the Library of Congress a complete facsimile edition of the first newspaper published in Colombia (then Nueva Granada), entitled Papel Periódico de la Ciudad de Santa Fé de Bogotá *(1791-1797), as well as two recent titles about the Colombian Constitution. Listening to the Ambassador (second from the left) during a brief ceremony in the foyer of the Hispanic Society Reading Room are (left to right) William E. Carter, chief, Hispanic Division; John C. Finzi, director of the Collections Development Office; John R. Hébert, assistant chief, Hispanic Division; Georgette M. Dorn, specialist in Hispanic culture; and Donald F. Wisdom, chief of the Serial and Government Publications Division. Also present were Cecilia Isaacs, cultural attaché of the Embassy of Colombia, and Rubens Medina, chief, and Armando Gonzalez, assistant to the chief, Hispanic Law Division.*

The committee discussed rules in Chapters 1 and 3 of AACR 2 that map catalogers would need interpreted and illustrated and then decided on the content of most of this clarification. Other topics covered in the discussions were general material designations for cartographic material (AACR 2, rule 1.1C), sheet maps issued in parts ("map series"), and the effect of rule 21.1B2 of AACR 2 on cartographic material. For the first two matters, the committee decided (1) to recommend against the display of a general material designation for cartographic material and (2) to formulate an explanation of "map series" for the manual. On the question of main entry, it quickly agreed

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STAFF NEWS

1980 Affirmative Action Plan Announced to Staff

The Library's Affirmative Action Plan for fiscal year 1980 was announced recently. The plan remains essentially the same as last year's, which was in turn quite similar to that for fiscal year 1978 (see the LC *Information Bulletin* for September 20, 1977, pp. 679-690, and for October 20, 1978, p. 630). Copies of the Affirmative Action Plan for 1980 may be consulted in division or department offices.

In the TAP program, 31 positions have been pledged for this year. The plan also requires that department directors "be responsible for ensuring that their departments fulfill all TAP commitments they have made" and also gives employee organizations the right to nominate a participant on all TAP panels within their bargaining units.

In tuition support, this year's plan reserves 75 percent of funds for undergraduate participants and 25 percent for graduate students. Previously, undergraduates were given priority access to tuition support funds.

In the validation of personnel selection procedures, the Library has promised to consult with labor organizations over the contents of the proposed Qualifications Handbook and the new selection procedures.

In the section on women and minorities in management, the programs offered this year can be used as qualifying experience and can be counted as time-in-grade.

Fiscal year 1980 has been designated as the "Transition Year" in affirmative action throughout the Federal Government, indicating the increased efforts that will be made to improve the performance and effectiveness of affirmative action programs. Acting Librarian Donald C. Curran, in approving the fiscal 1980 program on October 1, asked Library management and staff for their cooperation in making this year's efforts a success.

Jennifer Magnus Receives 30-Year Pin

Jennifer Magnus, assistant chief of the Order Division, was presented a 30-year Federal Service Award pin by Joseph H. Howard, Assistant Librarian for Processing Services, on September 19.

Mrs. Magnus came to the Library in October 1949 as a searcher in the former Card Division. She transferred to the Order Division in 1951 to the position of bibliographer-searcher. Subsequent positions she has held in that division are head, Bibliographic Unit; assistant head, Order Section; head, Order Preparation Section; head, Receiving and Clearing Section, and assistant operations officer. In 1977, she became assistant chief. She received outstanding performance ratings in 1963 and 1970. In 1979, she served for about nine months as assistant chief of the MARC Editorial Division.

Mrs. Magnus is a native of Buffalo, N. Y., and a graduate of Wells College.

Telegram Congratulates Jerry James On 30 Years of Federal Service

On September 13, Acting Librarian of Congress Donald C. Curran sent to Jerry R. James, field director of the Library of Congress Office in New Delhi, India, congratulations on completing 30 years of Federal service. In his message, Mr. Curran declared that "your contribution to the enrichment of research libraries and scholarship throughout the U. S. is a lasting measure of your dedicated public service" and "on behalf of the Library of Congress I thank you for it." A 30-years Federal Service Award pin was subsequently sent to Mr. James.

Mr. James began his Federal career with service with the U. S. Army Air Force from 1943 to 1946. After a brief period as director of the Extension Division of the University of Oklahoma, he became librarian for the United States Information Service in Bangkok, Thailand, where he remained from 1951 to 1954. He then served from 1954 to 1962 as cultural attache for USIS in Panama, in Quito, Ecuador, and finally in La Paz, Bolivia. He subsequently became chief of Regional Programs, Bureau of Educational Affairs in the Department of State, a position he held until 1965.

Mr. James came to the Library of Congress in April 1966 to assume the duties of director of the Library's office in Nairobi. He has served since then as director of the LC offices in Rio de Janeiro, Belgrade, Karachi before being appointed to his current post in June 1974.

A native of Joplin, Mo., Mr. James studied at the University of Heidelberg and the University of Oklahoma. In 1951, he received the master's degree in library science from the University of Minnesota.

John Knowlton Earns 20-Year Award

John D. Knowlton, head, Preparation Section, and technical officer, Manuscript Division, was presented a 20-year Federal Service Award pin on October 17 by Paul T. Heffron, acting chief of the division. Mr. Knowlton joined the staff of the Manuscript Division in November 1961 as archives assistant and has held increasingly responsible positions over the years. He was named to his present job in April 1967. In July 1977, Mr. Knowlton was awarded a quality increase in recognition of his above normal job performance.

Mr. Knowlton, who served for two years with the U. S. Army, received the B.A. degree in 1960 from the University of Maine and the M.A. from that institution in 1967. He is active in the Society of American Archivists and represented the Library on June 12 at a celebration in New York City to mark publication of the Alexander Hamilton papers.

Two Dozen Staff Members Mark 10 Years of Service

During October, 24 Library of Congress staff members completed 10 years of service and received Federal Service Award pins:

Daniel W. Alexander	General Reading Rooms Division
Stephanie B. Carnahan	Subject Cataloging Division
Carolyn E. Castle	Cataloging Division
Hugh E. Clark	Examining Division
Berkeley E. Deane	Preservation Office
Eve M. Dickey	Decimal Classification Division
Thelma G. Ellis	Cataloging Distribution Service
Amanda B. Fenner	American Law Division
Virginia Sue Graham	Government Division
Arthur M. Hodge, Jr.	Photoduplication Service
Phyllis A. Jones	Photoduplication Service
Jean A. Joyner	Collections Management Division
Gregory E. Kinnard	Preservation Office
Veronica S. Mack	Photoduplication Service
Dianna L. McCray	Cataloging Distribution Service
Patricia A. McCray	Collections Management Division
Natalie Purtoff	Exchange and Gift Division
Dianna D. Sanders	Photoduplication Service
Evelyn E. Sinclair	Publishing Office
George Hill Stevens	Federal Research Division
Murin Subasinghe	Descriptive Cataloging Division
Bette A. Taylor	Education and Public Welfare Division
Agnes O. Walker	Cataloging Distribution Service
Clay H. Wellborn	Government Division

Staff Activities

Henriette D. Avram, director of the Network Development Office, is the author of "Network of Networks," in *Resource Sharing of Libraries in Developing Countries,* proceedings of the IFLA/UNESCO Pre-Session Seminar for Librarians from Developing Countries held at Antwerp University on August 30-September 4, 1977. The 180-page work (IFLA Publications 14) was edited by H. D. L. Vervliet and published this year by K. G. Saur.

Librarian of Congress **Daniel J. Boorstin** and writer Ray Bradbury led a discussion of the classic gangster film, "Scarface: Shame of a Nation," on Saturday, October 13, as part of the American Film Institute National Conference on Film and Television in Los Angeles, Calif. The film, which was produced by Howard Hughes and directed by Howard Hawks, was screened twice for conference participants. The discussion, according to conference director Sam L. Grogg, was designed to "show how the best of the American film heritage can have implications that reverberated throughout all aspects of our culture."

Mary Nell Bryant, reference librarian in the Congressional Reference Division, is the author of an article entitled "English Language Publication and the British Traditional Market Agreement" in the October issue of *The Library Quarterly* (pp. 371-398).

Robert Dunn of the Chinese and Korean Section, Asian Division, is the translator of two Chinese booklets, which constitute the bulk of the just published *Chinese Approaches to Family Planning* (M. E. Sharpe, Inc. in the United States and the Macmillan Press, Ltd. in England). **Leo A. Orleans,** Research Services, is the editor of this book.

Health Assistance Committee Reviews Goals and Activities

The Health Assistance Committee (actually formed of two committees—one for Local 2477 and

one for Local 2910, each with three members from labor and three from management) functions as a labor-management advisory body and is concerned with the promotion and development of a coordinated employee counseling program at the Library of Congress.

The program is designed to assist employees under stress, or ones who suffer from personal or emotional problems, alcoholism, or drug abuse. It is also concerned with advising on training programs to help staff and management recognize and assist troubled employees when their problems interfere with job performance.

Pictured during the October 24 meeting of the Health Assistance Committee are (seated, left to right) Winifred Hayden, Susan Darvas, and Susan Tarr; (standing, left to right) Michael Peterson, Ida Eustis, Roland Maheux, and Vivian Fitzgerald. Not present for the photograph were Cynthia Johanson, Joyce Nickens, and Lynn Pedigo.

The Health Assistance Committee (HAC), created as a result of the bargaining agreements with the two AFSCME locals, has been active in several areas. It has established communications with the Health Services, Labor Relations, and Staff Training and Development Offices and the local chapter of AA. It has submitted a proposal concerning the revision of LCR 2018-2.2, spelling out recommendations for policies and procedures in the area of employee counseling services. The committee also undertook the study of other existing Federal programs, and HAC members attended meetings and seminars of the Association of Labor-Management Administrators and Consultants on Alcoholism and the National Institute for Alcohol and Alcohol Abuse. The committee submitted to the Library administration a proposal to survey existing programs and staff needs for services in the area of employee counseling at the Library. The Deputy Librarian has approved the project and the committee now awaits final clearance of the research instrument by the Office of the Director of Personnel.

The committee would like to urge staff members and supervisors interested in or concerned about the field of mental health or the problem of alcoholism, who would like to see increased program activities in these areas at the Library, to contact any HAC member. Committee members representing labor organizations are Susan F. Darvas, Processing Services, who also chairs the committee (Local 2910); Ida Eustis, Processing Services (Local 2477); Vivian Fitzgerald, Processing Services (Local 2901); Joyce Nickens, Copyright Office (Local 2477); Lynn Pedigo, Research Services (Local 2901); and Michael Peterson, Processing Services (Local 2477). Management representatives are Winifred Hayden, Auto-mated Systems Office; Cynthia Johanson, Research Services; Roland Maheux, Research Services; and Susan Tarr, Processing Services.

Personnel Changes

Appointments: Michael Burton, gardener, WG-6, Bldgs, 90453; Bernard Douglas, janitor, WG-1, Bldgs, OP ALM-107; Douglas Holliday, laborer, WG-3, Bldgs, 90603; Judith Mistichelli, reference librarian, GS-11, GRR, 90377; Michael Sivy, research analyst, GS-5, FRD, 90530; Mathew Walinski, special policeman lieutenant, SP-9, Bldgs, 90476.

Temporary Appointments: Morgan Bowen, clerk, GS-4, CRS C, 90527; Terry Moores, clerk, GS-4, CRS C, 90527.

Reappointments: Jeannette Amanuel, processing assistant, GS-5, Ord, 90504; Norma Hendrickson, subject cataloger, GS-9, Subj Cat, 90412.

Promotions: Kim Brown, Cop Acq & Proc, to copyright technician, GS-6, Cop Exam, 90507; Catherine Hensley, Cop Inf & Ref, to copyright technician, GS-6, Cop Exam, 90506; Carol Kilroy, to supervisory copyright cataloger, GS-12, Cop Cat, 90765; Soon Lee, to laborer, WG-4, Bldgs, 90616; William Noud, to systems analyst, GS-13, ASO, 90644; Jimmie Owens, to laborer, WG-4, Bldgs, 90616; James Powell, to laborer, WG-4, Bldgs, 90616; Kay Smith, Subj Cat, to secretary (typing), GT-7, NUCPP, 90488.

Transfer: Antoinette Gonsalves, Ser Rec, to library aid, GS-3, Ord, NP.

Resignations: Gregory Becker, E&G; David Cooper, Cop Inf & Ref; Sarah Fogg, Cop Exam; Douglas Mitchell, CRS S; Roger Strickland, Ser Rec; Glenda Whitfield, Photodup.

Birth Announcement

Diane and George White are the parents of a daughter, Melanie Natille, born on June 25 at Southern Maryland Hospital Center. Mrs. White is a staff member in the Disbursing Office and Mr. White works in the Collections Management Divison.

Bloodmobile Visit Set

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile Unit will visit the Library on Thursday, November 15, from 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. in the Whittall Pavilion. Donors are requested to use regular shuttle bus service to the Library of Congress Building. Staff members wishing to donate blood should register with keyworkers in their respective divisions.

In accordance with LCR 2015-17.4, all blood donors may be granted a maximum of four hours excused absence, which includes the actual time spent giving blood and a rest and recuperative period immediately following. The time of donation must be approved by the supervisor and a Form 13-73a (*Blood Donation Verification*) must be submitted to the supervisor following donation.

As before, only those staff members who have signed up through the Health Services Office will be permitted to donate blood at the designated times. A monitor will be present to check names as donors arrive.

Arrangements for blood replacement for Library personnel and members of their families may be made by calling Susan Johannsen, Health Services Office, on ext. 7-6053.

Scholars Committee Colloquia Set

The Scholars Committee Colloquia for November and December will take place on the third Tuesday of each month at 2:30 p.m. in the Wilson Room.

On November 20, Dorothy S. Parker, musicologist, will discuss "Sixteenth-Century French Songs: Some Related Literary and Religious Aspects." The commentator will be Mrs. Gillian Anderson, reference librarian in the Library's Music Division.

On December 18, William F. McDonald, associate professor in the Department of Foreign Languages, University of the District of Columbia, will talk about "The Black Wise Man in Art, Literature, and Religious Tradition." The commentator will be Frederick Ivey, who is also from the university's Department of Foreign Languages.

Upcoming Lectures and Poetry Readings

Monday, November 5

Poets William Heyen and Peter Viereck will read from their works. In the Coolidge Auditorium at 8 p.m. No tickets are requied.

Thursday, November 8
Friday, November 9
Saturday, November 10

The Festival of the American Liszt Society offers free lectures on Liszt and performances of his music. In the Whittall Pavilion and Coolidge Auditorium. Call 287-5502 for informaton.

Tuesday, November 13

Award-winning author Elaine L. Konigsburg will deliver a lecture in observance of National Children's Book Week. In the Coolidge Auditorium at 8 p.m. No tickets are required.

Saturday, November 17

A poetry reading will be given by W. A. Merwin, cosponsored with the Folger Shakespeare Library. In the Coolidge Auditorium at 8 p.m. Tickets are required; call 287-5394.

Tuesday, November 20

A poetry recitation will present Sandra McPherson and James Welsh. In the Coolidge Auditorium at 8 p.m. No tickets are required.

Tuesday, November 27

In celebration of the centennial of the births of Vachel Lindsay and Wallace Stevens, A. Walton Litz will lecture on Stevens and Anthony Howard will read from the works of Lindsay. In the Coolidge Auditorium at 8 p.m. No tickets are required.

Staff members who wish to attend programs or other events taking place during their normal working hours should consult their supervisors.

Among those gathered to form the new Anglo-American Cataloguing Committee for Cartographic Material were (front row, left to right) Mary Larsgaard, Joan Winearls, Kate Donkin, Velma Parker, and Vivien Cartmell; (second row) Yolande O'Donoghue and Barbara Farrell; (third row) John Schroeder, Pierre Lepine, Roger Fairclough, Hugo Stibbe, and Ben Tucker.

with the many librarians who have written letters to the Library of Congress petitioning it to continue using corporate main entry for much cartographic material. The committee then decided to report its opinion formally to the national libraries of Australia, Britain, Canada, and the United States in the form of a resolution urging the necessary interpretation of AACR 2, rule 21.1B2.

When completed, the manual will contain rule interpretations, copious examples and other illustrations, a statement on main entry (including an interpretation of 21.1B2 for cartographic material if the national libraries agree), a guide for determining scale, an explanation of "map series," a glossary of cartographic terms not defined in AACR 2, and so forth. The National Map Collection of Canada will act as editor of the manual, a draft of which will be ready for circulation by April 30, 1980. Librarians who wish to suggest topics for inclusion in the manual are invited to communicate by February 29, 1980, with Hugo Stibbe, Head, Documentation Control Section, National Map Collection, Public Archives of Canada, 395 Wellington St., Ottawa, Ontario KIA ON3, Canada.

The committee named the National Map Collection, Canada, as its secretariat and expressed the desire to foster communication among the bodies represented by the committee members on matters other than the AACR 2 manual. Each person present felt the meeting had been a significant occasion, representing the first time Americans, Britons, and Canadians interested in cartographic material and its bibliographic control had been able to discuss their concerns with one another and in the presence of cataloging generalists, leading to steps they might take in unison under the aegis of AACR 2.

ISDS Meeting Held

The fifth meeting of directors of International Serials Data System (ISDS) centers. was held on September 25-27 in Frankfurt, Federal Republic of Germany. The main business of the meeting centered on revision of the *ISDS Guidelines*, the publication which contains policies, practices, and procedures for the operation of ISDS and the assignment of ISSN (International Standard Serial Numbers). Discussed in detail were changes to operational bibliographic procedures, as well as newly proposed chapters on manual data transmission and the ISDS machine-readable format. Draft revisions have yet to be prepared for chapters dealing with the organizational structure and operational policies. The projected publication date for the revised guidelines is early 1981.

Linda K. Bartley, head of the Library of Congress National Serials Data Program (NSDP), represented the United States at the meeting. Representatives were also present from Australia, Canada, Denmark, the Federal Republic of Germany, Finland, France, the German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Israel, Japan, the Netherlands, Poland, Senegal, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, and the United Kingdom.

Library of Congress to Create Minimal Level Cataloging Records

In order to extend bibliographic coverage to more Library materials, the Library of Congress has decided to create minimal level cataloging (MLC) records, to be input in machine-readable form for

some of its new acquisitions. At the present, only monographs are being considered for MLC and, moreover, only those monographs assigned the lowest priority—that is, priority 7—under the current cataloging priorities scheme. Whether all or only some priority 7 material will be candidates for MLC has not yet been determined. The Selection Office will have the final authority to upgrade priority treatment of materials assigned for MLC and thus will determine if an item is to receive full cataloging at a later time.

Minimal level cataloging will enable Processing Services to make better use of its staff and consequently to serve better the needs of the Library. If out of the total number of pieces needing to be cataloged, some are given MLC (initially estimated to be 15,000 per year), then more time will be available for catalogers to give full level cataloging to such items as government documents, microfiche, analytics, and so on.

Processing Services has established proposed specifications for minimal level records (given below). These specifications, in agreement with those recommended by Association of Research Libraries technical services representatives at a meeting last January 5-6, must be present in minimal level records if organizations wish to contribute such records to a nationwide data base for use by others.[1] They are also similar to the current Automated Process Information File (APIF) records as to content, that is, they include all items presently found in APIF records. Although added entries are not specified for minimal level records, the records will be accessible by author/title and title search keys and LC card number. Later, it is anticipated that the item will be accessible by the personal name key. ISBN, and component word search key. Other access, such as language or geographic area, will be possible in a batch off-line mode. A number of fundamental questions regarding the physical handling and storage of MLC materials have been answered, as a result of reports prepared by several small working groups and meetings between representatives of a wide range of affected Library units.

For the first two years of minimal level cataloging, the books processed in this program will be housed on Deck 36, Library of Congress Building. The provision of space at the Landover warehouse (possibly Bay 3) or at a similar facility in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area is an absolutely essential aspect of implementing MLC, however, since the availability of Deck 36 is temporary at best.

Unless a later contradictory decision is made, MLC books will become a permanent part of the Library's collections. As a general rule, any book which can physically stand by itself will have a label with its shelf location number (the "call" number, referred to below) attached directly to it. Depending on its degree of flimsiness, material which can not stand alone will either be placed in acid-free envelopes or handled via some other inexpensive binding device, as appropriate.

The "call" number for providing access to the individual book is to be understood as a shelf location tool, since it will contain no classification element. It has not yet been determined what this number will be but the number decided upon will most likely include one of four letters indicating size (S=small, M=medium, L=large, and F=folio or extra large). For the purpose of compact storage at an off-site facility, books will be grouped by these four size categories, which are defined by specific height dimensions.

The logical and efficient way to provide the shelf location digits of the call number is to have them generated automatically at the time the piece is cataloged. A joint Processing Services/Reference Services group is addressing this problem.

Several thorny issues have not yet been resolved, but are being given consideration. In terms of the use of consecutive numbers in the call number for compact storage purposes, multi-volume monograph sets present a distinct problem if they are to be kept together. The joint Processing Services/Reference Services group is considering possible approaches. One in particular looks promising, namely, to set aside a small, non-compact storage area where such items could be grouped together in a logical manner. Another concern that needs further consideration is the number of copies of MLC items to be retained for the collections. While the basic premise is that if a book is of low enough priority to merit MLC, only one copy should be added to the collections,

[1] For information on the January 5-6 meeting, consult the report on the ARL meeting on "National Level Bibliographic Record—Books," an appendix to the LC *Information Bulletin* of February 23 (pp. 66-68).

Early Closing Announced

The Main Reading Room will close at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, November 16. Readers may continue their research in the Thomas Jefferson Reading Room North or in the cafeteria. Service from the bookstacks will be maintained until 8:30 p.m. and the Library of Congress buildings will be open until 9:30 p.m.

Processing Services will nevertheless investigate the addition of duplicate copies of MLC books in those rare cases when such an action might prove advisable.

The Cataloging Distribution Service, through feedback from some of its customers, has recommended that once these machine-readable records are created, they be made available on subscription to other libraries. No decision has been reached on when such a service will be offered.

Comments on or questions about how the Library of Congress plans to incorporate minimal level cataloging in its own collections, such as the shelving scheme or storage area, should be sent to Joseph H. Howard, Assistant Librarian for Processing Services, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540, by December 1.

Proposed Specifications for LC Minimal Level Cataloging Records

(1) AACR 2, level two bibliographic descriptions.
- (a) Title proper, parallel title (i.e., title in another language), other title information (e.g., subtitle), first statement of responsibility, and each subsequent statement of responsibility.
  This information is currently found in APIF records.
- (b) Edition statement, first statement of responsibility relating to the edition.
  This information is currently found in APIF records.
- (c) First place of publication, etc.; first publisher, etc.; date of publication, etc.
  This information is currently found in APIF records.
- (d) Extent of an item (i.e., number of pages, volumes, etc.), other physical details (e.g., illustration information), and dimensions (i.e., size).
  This information is currently found in APIF records.
- (e) Title proper of series, statement of responsibility relating to series, ISSN of series, numbering within the series, title of subseries, ISSN of subseries, and numbering within subseries.
  The title and numbering within the series and the title and numbering within the subseries are currently found in APIF records if readily available. The statement of responsibility information is called for in AACR 2.
  The ISSN of series and the ISSN of the subseries are not currently found in APIF records.
- (f) Note(s).
  Possibly notes relating to earlier editions or translations will be included.
  This information is not currently found in APIF records.
- (g) Standard number (i.e., ISBN).
  This number is currently found in APIF records if readily available.
  Note: AACR 2 level two bibliographic description also calls for material (or type of publication) specific details. This item was not listed here as it is to be used in the description of non-book materials, i.e., cartographic materials and serial publications.

(2) Main entry if applicable.
A main entry is currently found in APIF records if applicable.

(3) No subject headings.
No subject headings are currently found in APIF records.

(4) Call number.
See explanatory material for construction of this number.

Examples of the APIF and minimal level record follow.

Example of a Current APIF Record

Main entry	Davidson, Christopher
Title	Anatomy of zylem and phloem of the Datiscaceae / by Christopher Davidson. —
Edition	2d ed. —
First place of publication, etc.; first publisher, etc.; date of publication, etc.	Los Angeles : Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, 1976.
Extent of an item, other physical details, and dimensions	28 p. : ill. ; 24 cm. —
Series information	(Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County contributions in science ; no. 2800)
Standard number (i.e., ISBN)	ISBN 0-09-461110-6

Example of a Proposed Minimal Level Cataloging Record

(Differences between this record and the APIF record are underlined.)

Main entry	Davidson, Christopher

Title	Anatomy of xylem and phloem of the Datiscaceae / by Christopher Davidson. —		contributions in science ; no. 280 ISSN 0016-5403
Edition	2d ed. —	Standard number (i.e., ISBN)	ISBN 0-09-461110-6
First place of publication, etc.; first publisher, etc.; date of publication, etc.	Los Angeles : Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, 1976.	Note(s)	First ed. published in 1974 under title: Davidson's anatomy of xylem and phloem of the Datiscaceae.
Extent of an item, other physical details, and dimensions	28 p. : ill. ; 24 cm. —	Call number	(dummy number to be determined; may be preceded by letters indicating the size)
Series information	(Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County		